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Annual Communication

The Second Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Alberta was opened in the Masonic Hall, City of Macleod, Alta., on Wednesday, the 20th day of February, 1907, A.L. 5907, at the hour of ten o'clock a.m.

Present

Grand Officers

M.W. Bro.	O. W. Kealy (2)	Grand Master
R.W. "	George H. Hogbin (1)	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. "	R. G. Matthews (3)	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. "	Thomas McNabb (4)	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. "	J. T. Macdonald (9)	D.D.G.M., District No. 1
R.W. "	A. R. Dickson (15)	D.D.G.M, District No. 3
R.W. "	E. Nelson Brown (1)	Grand Treasurer
R.W. "	J. J. Dunlop (14)	Grand Secretary
R.W. "	C. H. Stuart Wade (14)	Grand Registrar
R.W. "	J. Hinchcliffe (12)	Grand Chaplain
R.W. "	John Kemmis (6)	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. "	S. J. Blair (9)	Grand Director of Ceremonies
V.W. "	C. W. G. Gardiner (3)	Grand Steward
V.W. "	G. M. Fear (5)	Grand Steward
W. "	R. H. Finch (9)	Grand Tyler

Past Grand Officers

M.W. Bro. G. Macdonald (1).....Past Grand Master
M.W. " E. A. Braithwaite (7).....Past Grand Master
R.W. " H. C. Taylor (7).....Past Deputy Grand Master
R.W. " T. F. English (11).....Past Senior Grand Warden

Past Masters

R.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin..... (1)
R.W. " E. N. Brown..... (1)
V.W. " A. W. R. Markley..... (1)
R.W. " Charles C. Hoyle..... (1)
R.W. " N. J. Lindsay..... (1)
M.W. " G. Macdonald ..... (1)
W. " W. F. W. Lent..... (1)
V.W. " H. S. Macleod..... (1)
M.W. " O. W. Kealy..... (2)
W. " J. H. Binns..... (2)
W. " Thos. M. McKay..... (2)
W. " H. F. Baker..... (3)
R.W. " R. G. Matthews..... (3)
R.W. " C. W. E. Gardiner..... (3)
W. " R. N. Wilson..... (3)
W. " D. L. Morrison..... (3)
R.W. " Robert Patterson ..... (3)
W. " Arthur Young ..... (3)
W. " Thos. Andrews ..... (3)
W. " G. Read ..... (4)
W. " H. Whitmore ..... (4)
W. " N. T. Macleod..... (4)
R.W. " T. McNabb ..... (4)
R.W. " T. H. Fleetwood..... (4)
W. " J. D. Higinbotham..... (4)
V.W. " G. M. Fear..... (5)
R.W. " J. C. Kemmis..... (6)
W. " George Heaton ..... (6)
W. " N. C. Ives..... (6)
W. " A. E. Jamieson..... (7)
M.W. " E. A. Braithwaite..... (7)
R.W. " H. C. Taylor..... (7)
W. " J. H. Tomlinson..... (9)
R.W. " J. T. Macdonald..... (9)
V.W. " S. J. Blair..... (9)
R.W. " T. F. English..... (11)
R.W. " J. Hinchliffe ..... (12)
R.W. " J. J. Dunlop..... (14)
R.W. " C. H. Stuart Wade..... (14)
R.W. " A. R. Dickson..... (15)
W. " C. G. Austin..... (15)
V.W. " A. M. Kay..... (16)
W. " Wm. L. Fischer..... (16)
W. " G. L. Hanna..... (17)
R.W. " Robert Scott ..... (20)

And the following Masters and Wardens

Bro. S. Gray.....S.W. No. 1
W. " H. W. Ireland.....W.M. " 2

	"	H. L. Tweed	S.W.	" 2
W.	"	J. S. Lambert	W.M.	" 3
	"	C. D. T. Becher	S.W.	" 3
	"	E. Whipple	J.W.	" 3
W.	"	Hugh Scott	W.M.	" 4
	"	G. H. Johnston	S.W.	" 4
W.	"	A. N. Saddington	W.M.	" 5
	"	J. E. Shontz	J.W.	" 6
W.	"	J. I. Brewster	W.M.	" 8
W.	"	W. M. Connacher	W.M.	" 9
	"	James Winn	S.W.	" 9
	"	W. C. Armstrong	J.W.	" 9
W.	"	W. F. Brett	W.M.	" 10
W.	"	John H. Tranter	W.M.	" 11
W.	"	A. B. Purdy	W.M.	" 12
W	"	J. C. F. Bown	W.M.	" 14
W.	"	Wm. H. Hammer	W.M.	" 16
	"	J. H. Laurence	S.W.	" 16
W.	"	H. Winsor	W.M.	" 17
	"	E. A. Armstrong	J.W.	" 17
W.	"	Percy Taylor	W.M.	" 19
R.W.	"	Robert Scott	W.M.	" 20

Opening

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in "ample form" and with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

On motion of R.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. C. C. Hoyle (1), the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the First Annual Communication, held at the City of Medicine Hat on the 20th and 21st days of February, 1906, were taken as read and confirmed.

Grand Master's Address

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. O. W. Kealy, then read his annual address, as follows:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

At this, our Second Annual Communication, I greet you, and trust that the past year has been as prosperous with you individually as it has been with the Craft in our Jurisdiction. The increase in membership and in the new Lodges now working under Dispensation, justify our existence as a Grand Lodge. Succeeding, as I do, many older in age and Masonic experience, my shortcomings, when compared with their conduct of the highest office Masons can bestow, are many, and I crave the indulgence of the older members of Grand Lodge when reviewing my acts, and recommend those of our number who are with us for the first time not to regard my manner of

filling the office as an ideal for those who follow me, but whatever my failings, I think it only due to myself to say that I have done my best, and no man can do more. I would tender my thanks to those Grand Officers who have so willingly rendered me their assistance in accompanying me on my official visits and in many other ways.

Removal by Death

We have suffered a severe loss by the death of M.W. Brother Thomas Tweed, whom God removed from our midst on the 4th April, 1906. We have lost the one of our numbers who was most capable of guiding our steps and one who was always willing to give the best advice from his long experiences in Masonry. Our late Brother always attained to the highest offices in whatever direction his inclination led him; in other orders, whether they were based on Masonry or not, he reached the top of the tree and was one of the Government in the early days of the Territories. The calling away of no one of our number could leave as great a blank; but he is, perhaps, and who can tell to the contrary, filling as exalted a position in that world of which none know anything with certainty. Requiescat in pace.

I had a Communication of Grand Lodge called to meet at Medicine Hat, and our late M.W. Brother was buried with full Masonic honors. It occurred to me that there could not be a more painful duty to perform than to say the words, "Farewell, my Brother." I addressed to the Lodges the following notice:

"It is with feelings of sorrow that we anounce to the Craft the death of our well-beloved Most Worshipful Brother,

Thomas Tweed,

who departed this life in the City of Montreal, on Wednesday, the 4th day of April, 1906. His funeral was conducted by Grand Lodge on Tuesday, the 10th of April, and his body was laid in the dust at the public cemetery, Medicine Hat, with the honors to which he was entitled, not alone for the position which he held in Grand Lodge, but also for the place which he occupied in the affections of his brethren.

"Our late Brother was born in Kingston, Ontario, on the 14th April, 1852, and received his education in the same town. He commenced business in Cornwall, Ontario, afterwards transferring his interests to Medicine Hat, Alberta, in the early '80s, where he continued a most successful business of a general merchant until 1904, when he retired. Brother Tweed was one of the first members of the N.W.T. Legislature and a member of the Executive Council, when he took his full share of helping Brother Haultain in the formation of good government for the Territories.

"He was initiated in Prince Rupert's Lodge, No. 1, on the 21st March, 5871; passed on 30th May, 5871; and raised on the 13th September, 5871; and made an honorary member of the same Lodge in 5905, having demitted on 18th January, 5887. He was a Charter Member of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 31 (now No. 2 of Alberta), and was the Junior Warden named in the Dispensation to form the said Lodge, which Dispensation was dated the 16th June, 5885. He became Past Master of the same Lodge in 5889, and in 5903 was elected the first and has been the only Honorary Member thereof. In the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, M.W. Bro. Tweed was Grand Steward in 5888;

Junior Grand Deacon, 5889; D.D.G.M., in 5891-2; Senior Grand Warden, in 5893; and Grand Master, in 5894. On the formation of this Grand Lodge, our beloved Brother received the rank of Past Grand Master. His removal has deprived us of one who was well able to guide and advise us at the commencement of our career, and one who was an honorable man and a true Mason.

"It is ordered that in this Grand Jurisdiction this Memorial be read in open Lodge at the first Communication after its receipt, and that a proper record thereof be made in the minutes, and that as a token of respect for our deceased brother, all Lodges be put in mourning for a period of three months.

Foreign Relations

One of my first duties was the obtaining of recognition by our Sister Grand Lodges. I approved the draft of a circular letter drawn up by the Grand Secretary, and when the same was printed it was mailed to the Grand Lodges. As a result, I am glad to be able to inform you that we have been recognized as a Grand Lodge by many of our Sister Grand Bodies. The first to recognize us was the Grand Lodge of New York, and I had much pleasure in nominating a very enthusiastic Mason in the person of R.W. Bro. C. E. Smyth, the Deputy District Grand Master of District No. 2, as the Representative of New York, near us.

We have been represented by the following Grand Lodges in Canada:

Nova Scotia—Represented by W. Bro. Scott, of Carstairs Lodge;

British Columbia—Represented by R.W. Bro. A. C. Kemmis;

Canada—Represented by our Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Dunlop, and

Manitoba—From whom nothing has been heard relative to exchange of representatives.

So far as I am aware, no other Grand Bodies in British possessions have recognized us, except the Grand Lodges of Scotland and W. Australia. I did read in a newspaper that the United Grand Lodge of England had given us recognition, but am bound to confess that the paper pretended to possess more information than I have and I believe than your Grand Secretary has. Of Grand Lodges in America, we have been recognized by (in addition to that of New York, previously mentioned): Nebraska, Michigan, Utah, Nevada, Columbia, Montana, Delaware, Ohio and Virginia. There may be one or two which at present have slipped my memory, but which will doubtless appear in the Grand Secretary's report.

I received a complaint from Bow River Lodge relative to a Lodge in the Jurisdiction of Scotland having made a resident in Calgary, previously rejected by Bow River brethren, a Mason. This Mason subsequently presented himself as a visitor to the Lodge which had rejected him. From what I have read of the proceedings in other Grand Lodges in the Empire similar complaints have been made, and the Grand Lodge in Sotland appears to have a law (I presume an unwritten one) forbidding an answer being made to such complaints. With a view to avoiding the necessity of apparently addressing the air, I inquired of Bow River Lodge as to the dates when the Mason in question received his degrees, my idea being

that we could pass the matter on to Manitoba. I have not as yet received the information asked for, and doubtless the brethren in Calgary have decided to deal with the matter in another form.

Late in the year 1906 I was informed of a little question of Jurisdiction in the northern part of our territory. I think the matter will be arranged through the brotherly feelings of the Grand Master of Saskatchewan. I allude to the Lodge at Lloydminster. The brethren will remember that Lloydminster enjoys the distinction of being divided by the Western and Eastern boundaries of the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta respectively, and consequently the jurisdiction of Alberta and Saskatchewan meet in the main street of the Town of Lloydminster. I was informed that the brethren there were admitting residents of Alberta. I wrote M.W. Brother Campkin with reference to the matter, suggesting that the attention of his Lodge should be called to the peculiar position they were in, and that they should be cautioned not to admit residents of Alberta without obtaining a waver of jurisdiction. I received a most courteous reply, in which M.W. Bro. Campkin thanked me for my letter and promised to write the Lodge.

I think the necessity of maintaining our rights within our jurisdiction has been fulfilled, and that we can afford to wait and see what the Government of the country does to solve the question of Lloydminster, when we may find that one of the Grand Lodges gets additional territory, thus avoiding any trouble as to residence of candidates.

I am indebted to Grand Officers of Manitoba and Canada Grand Lodges for kindnesses received and assistance cheerfully given.

Decisions

I am glad to say that very few knots have been sent to me to untie. I was asked whether the seal of a Lodge in England was necessary to validate a dimit. Replied that I was informed that some of the Lodges in the mother country did not possess seals, but in my opinion it was the duty of the investigating Committee to learn whether a Lodge seal existed, and, if necessary, to verify the signatures on the demit.

Was asked how many brethren composed a quorum of a Lodge. Was very undecided as to what to reply, especially in view of the seeming difference between the Canadian and American Rites, the former stating that seven or more constituted a Lodge and the latter three or more. However, I took the trouble to enquire of experienced Masons in older jurisdictions, who informed me that authorities differed, but that the preponderance of opinion seemed to be with seven forming a quorum. On further considering the matter, I think the present Constitution implies seven to be the number when it requires that number to sign a petition to form a new Lodge.

A candidate was favorably reported upon, balloted for, and declared elected as a member. He subsequently appeared for initiation, when a brother then present objected to the degree being conferred. A committee was appointed, who reported vaguely, but the Lodge decided that the objection was good. Other complications arose, and I was asked to solve the difficulty. I wrote the Lodge with what I thought to be a solution, but it was not accepted by the brethren. I had, however, to hold that the candidate could present

himself at any meeting of the Lodge for initiation, when, if he was not objected to and the objection held to be valid, he could be initiated. It seems to me the Constitution is at fault in method. The Grand Lodge of Canada very properly, in my opinion, throws such a question upon the shoulders of the Master for him to decide. A candidate for initiation, if objected to, has absolutely no way open to him which will enable him to refute any charges made, as he would be able to do were he initiated. Seemingly after being elected a member, he is required to be "a man free born, of lawful age, and well recommended."

Decided that the seal of the Lodges was not necessary on Lodge notices. The seal would be required on documents of a mandatory nature, but where no penalty results from not attending meetings, it seems to me to weaken the authority of the seal (if there be any in it), by putting it on the monthly notices.

Decided that I could not dedicate a Lodge room, unless the building was a Masonic one.

Dispensations

I signed ten dispensations to Lodges permitting them to attend divine service Masonically clothed, in compliance with the usual custom in such cases. It puzzles me to understand what the object is for these parades. As Masons we acknowledge the existence of God, but the attendance at a place of worship implies that Masons go further. I very much fear that these "attendances at divine worship' would amount to very little if the parade was not made a part of it, and each went to his own place of worship (should he have one). We have amongst our numbers Jews and Unitarians. possibly those who believe in but one person of the Holy Trinity, and why ask them to go through what to them is a farce? Why compel a Catholic to go to a place of worship in which he has nothing in common, and so with a Methodist, or any other of the many divisions in religion? If there was one place of public worship where Masons could honestly go and as honestly say they were united in a common worship, well and good; but so long as our Lodges are the only places in which we can unitedly say, that there is a God "before whom we should all with reverence most humbly bow," and in which we are actually united in the bonds of fellowship and love, so long should we keep from these parades, in which we pretend a unity which does not actually exist. If we must parade to a church, do not let us cut out any one; let us take the synagogue, Roman church, or any other place of worship (not forgetting the Unitarians), each in its turn, and show the universality of Masonry, when you can show nothing else. Whilst speaking on this question, I wish to enter a protest against a so-called news item which appeared in one of the Western newspapers. I refer to that item alleging that the Government of France had received from Free Masons many telegrams of congratulation for their attitude towards the Roman Church. I cannot believe that any true Mason, as such, would concern himself in such matters; whatever that semi-political body in France, calling themselves Masons, might do.

I granted two dispensations to confer the third degree within a month of the conferring of the second degree, in both cases conditionally upon the candidates showing the usual and necessary proficiency in the second degree.

I refused an application to confer two degrees on one candidate at the same meeting.

Granted a dispensation to elect officers on the 18th December, in place of the regular night.

Refused dispensation to consider the application of a candidate who had lost the thumb of his right hand.

I granted a dispensation to consider the application of a candidate having a stiff knee, and have granted dispensations on two occasions to Lodges to ballot for a candidate, though they had both been rejected within twelve months of their last application. The circumstances were peculiar. In the one case, three candidates had been balloted for and had been blackballed. I was informed that the blackballing had been for improper reasons, and was asked for a dispensation to re-ballot. This I refused, because it seemed to me that a Lodge to be able to give reasons, those blackballing must have made their actions known, and I considered they should be Masonically dealt with. I believe charges were laid, though I know nothing beyond what the Lodge notices show, but the brethren complained of subsequently demitted. I pointed out that my duty was to regard the ballot as absolutely sacred, but if application was made to permit the Lodge to consider a new application of these candidates, I was prepared to grant a dispensation. This course was followed, and I hope that an unpleasant circumstance in a young Lodge will soon be forgotten. The other application was singular and arose from the blackballing of a candidate whom I believe is a very worthy man. The Lodge is lighted by electricity, but at the crucial moment of balloting, the light went out, and the proceedings were continued in darkness relieved only by three candles, resulting in the candidate being declared rejected. It was represented to me that the opinion of the brethren was that mistakes had been made as to the balls used. I declined to permit a re-ballot, but agreed to grant a dispensation to consider a new application of the candidate. In both cases my one desire has been to protect the ballot absolutely, and rather cause inconvenience and unpleasantness to a candidate than let him think for a moment the result of a ballot can be changed by anyone, be he Grand Master or who else.

I may have granted other dispensations which at the moment I have forgotten, but which our Grand Secretary will doubtless mention in his report.

Balloting

Whilst I am on the subject of balloting, I wish to draw the attention of the Lodges to the necessity of attending strictly to the Constitution. This requires that the full names, residences, age and occupation of candidates to be balloted for must appear on the notices for the night on which the report of the committee is due, and must continue on the notices until disposed of. The balloting must also take place at a regular meeting and not an emergent one. And one candidate must be balloted for in one box at one time. I have been asked my opinion of a Lodge balloting for seven candidates in one box at one time. If any Lodge has done such a thing, it is most reprehensible, and I can only regret that any such cases have not been brought to my notice.

By-Laws

I approved the by-laws of Jasper Lodge, subject to certain alterations which I thought would bring them into conformity with the Constitution. I also approved of certain amendments to Bow River by-laws, disapproving of one which referred to petitions for initiation and affiliation to a standing committee, as I considered this conflicted with the Constitution requiring each such petition to be referred to a commttee then appointed by the Worthy Master.

The amended by-laws of Britannia Lodge, raising their dues to $6.00, which seems to me should be the minimum; and of Perfection Lodge, raising their fees, were also approved, as were the by-laws of the newly constituted Lodges at Carstairs and High River, though I recommended both Lodges not to print their by-laws until our Constitution was finally settled.

San Francisco

Upon hearing of the disaster to this city and the consequent loss to Masons there, I called a meeting of the Board of General Purpose on the 14th May, 1906, to consider the question of rendering help. It was decided that I should send a letter to each of the Lodges, asking for contributions. This I did, and the result will doubtless be given to you by the Chairman of the Finance Committee. I am given to understand that the money was not forwarded in consequence of certain reports received, of there being a sufficiency of funds. If I am correct in this, it will be for you to decide what should be done with it. It was given for charity, and should be used by us for a like purpose. It might be used as the nucleus of a St. John the Evangelist fund, in which event we should have a fund to draw upon in cases of emergency.

Charters, Etc.

It was not until a very late date that I was able to get the charters and to constitute the two Lodges to whom charters were granted at your last Communication. I commenced taking the matter up on the 6th March, and continued writing and urging speed, until the two eventually arrived. The remainder came to my hands about a month ago, and I distributed them by registered mail.

Regarding the Master Masons' Certificates, these have also received my attention. Late in the year I received a proof of the Manitoba Certificate, with the necessary alterations in and what was supposed to represent the Alberta coat-of-arms. On comparing the proof with other certificates, such as those of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, I thought it well to call a meeting of the Board of General Purposes and leave the matter of design with them. We met and settled the design, namely, that of the Grand Lodge of England, with necessary alterations. Then I took up the question of the coat-of-arms, and our Grand Secretary ascertained that these had not been arranged, but the matter was now in the hands of the Heralds' College. It will be some little time before the copy of the Alberta Arms can be sent to the lithographers, but in the meantime they are engraving the body of the plate.

The Constitution and Ceremonies.

The Constitution has been carefully drafted and as a member of the Special Committee, I am free to assert that the proof which you

now have is the result of much time and earnest care. It is not any boasting for your Committee to say so, but is plain fact. tI is a matter of regret that the members of Grand Lodge did not have the proofs at an earlier date, but the drafting was a longer business than it is perhaps generally understood, and when that was done the question of the cheapest way to have the printing done was taken up. I got into communication with printers, and eventually came to the conclusion that the cheapest way to have the printing done was to let a contract for printing the Constitution and Ceremonies conditionally on the printer supplying proofs in sufficient number to enable a distribution amongst the Lodges. A meeting of the Board of General Purposes was called, when it was resolved to let the contract for printing and obtain 250 proofs for distribution. These proofs were promised by the 31st December, but owing to a strike and then the disorganization of the postal service, the matter was delayed.

Regalia

Regalia has been purchased for the Grand Wardens, and a liberal discount on the price allowed, much to the benefit of our funds. I had an amusing correspondence with the regalia people, in consequence or my insisting upon the regalia being made in accordance with our Constitution, and they being of opinion that they knew more about the matter than our Grand Lodge does. I think that you will agree with me that the result is neat but not gaudy. It is more than can be said of the sun appearing with eyes and mouth on the Grand Master's apron. It seems to me that with the discounts given, we could well afford to complete our regalia during the present year.

Regarding the question of regalia, I think greater attention should be paid to Constitutional requirements. If this were done we should see less of fringes and braiding and greater neatness with less ostentation. It is the business of regalia companies to add to the cost, and the business of Masons to see that they comply with the Constitution.

Visits

With three exceptions, mentioned later, I have visited all the Lodges. On the 7th of March, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and the District Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother Smyth, I visited Alberta Lodge at Macleod.

On the 9th March, I visited Spitzie Lodge at Pincher Creek.

On the 2nd April, I was in Strathcona, paying Acacia Lodge a visit, accompanied by M.W. Brother Braithwaite, R.W. Brother Dunlop, R.W. Brother Stuart Wade, and W. Brother May.

The following day, R.W. Brother Stuart Wade drove me to Fort Saskatchewan to visit Victoria Lodge.

The night of 4th April I journeyed to Lacombe, where I visited Eureka Lodge.

From Lacombe I took the train to Ponoka, where I visited Britannia Lodge on the 5th April.

On the 7th April I went to Olds, but could not stay to visit Mountain View Lodge, by reason of my having to return to Medicine Hat the following day; however, I inspected the books and Lodge room, recommending some alterations in the former. When examining the minute books of Mountain View Lodge, I noticed an entry

having reference to the appointment of a committee who were to enquire into the feasibility of starting a branch of the Eastern Star. I instructed the Worshipful Master that there was no connection between a Blue Lodge and this order. I cannot see the necessity for the order except it be to mislead women into the belief that they can become Masons. Regarding the charitable side, I have yet to learn that where the services of women are required, they are not cheerfully given by our wives, sisters and others.

My next visit was made on the 14th May to Bow River Lodge. My attention was drawn to a system this Lodge has in connection with visitors, and it is one I would recommend be adopted by Grand Lodge for all subordinate Lodges. A visitor presenting himself for examination has to fill out a form provided, which is signed by himself and the examining committee. This is sent in to the Secretary, who reads it to the Lodge, and thus furnishes the members with particulars of the visitors. The slip is then filled and another form filled up by the Secretary, which is sent to the Lodge of which the visitor purports to be a member. It is a first-class check on frauds. Perfection Lodge also uses a similar form, but I have not seen any other Lodge in the Jurisdiction adopting the like plan.

The following night I visited Perfection Lodge.

My next visit was not until the 13th of August, when I once more journeyed north to Edmonton, and visited Jasper Lodge under the presidency of W. Brother Bown, who had been installed in June. This is the only Lodge in the Jurisdiction electing their officers in June.

The next day I visited the Lodge at Red Deer, having as companions the Grand Registrar and Brother H. Tweed. Was approached by a non-affiliated brother, who expressed the desire of himself and other non-affiliates to start a second Lodge, working the Canadian Rite. I informed the brother that I would not grant a dispensation under the circumstances, because, for one reason, I considered it most unwise to have two weak Lodges in any town. I gave it as my opinion that it was the duty of non-affiliates to do their utmost to help the existing Lodge along, and if it was a question of rites, I thought an endeavor should be made to get the consent of the Lodge to brethren willing to do so, to confer, occasionally, degrees in the Canadian work. It seems to me that nothing would be lost if brethren working one rite saw the work of the other. At a later date, the D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald showed me a petition of some brethren in Red Deer asking for a dispensation to start a new Lodge. Brother Macdonald was to visit the existing Lodge and make a report as to its condition and generally as to the condition of Masonry there, and within the last month wrote me that he thought it well to recommend a petition for a new Lodge. I have forwarded the papers to the Grand Secretary, stating that the matter had best be left over until the new Grand Officers had been installed. I am, however, of the same opinion as that above expressed.

I returned to Edmonton on the 15th, and visited Edmonton Lodge, working the American Rite.

On the 30th of August, I made an endeavor to get to Banff and visit Cascade Lodge, but owing to the C.P.R. making an early start (I had never before realized they could do such a thing), I had the misfortune to see the tail-end of the train. However, I took the

next train, and was shown over the Lodge room by V.W. Bro. Fear.

My next visit was on the 25th of September, when I officially attended my own Lodge, Medicine Hat.

I made no visits in October. On the 27th of November I went to Nanton and, accompanied by the Deputy Grand Master, visited the Lodge.

I then travelled to Wetaskiwin. On this journey I should have stayed off at Innisfail to visit them on the 28th, but owing to great delays on the line and being most interested in a wreck which we passed, I forgot my engagements and in mind transposed Innisfail and Wetaskiwin.

Visited Wetaskiwin Lodge on the 29th of November, accompanied by R.W. Brother A. R. Dickson.

The remaining Lodge not accounted for is North Star, at Lethbridge. My reasons for not visiting this one is the opposite to that given for not visiting Cascade. R.W. Brother Smyth and myself made arrangements to start on the night of the 13th, and being informed that the train would leave at 1 a.m., we took berths in the pullman, turning in at 10 p.m. We both slept the sleep of the just, and awoke in—Medicine Hat. Upon enquiry we found the train had not left, but proposed departing at 12.30 p.m. After our experience we decided that "discretion was the better part of valor," and stayed at home.

Visits—General Remarks

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the kindly attention I have invariably received, and the courtesy shown to your Grand Master. All the Lodges provided entertainments, and the payment of my hotel bills has relieved me of considerable expense.

I have made it a point to visit the Lodges on their regular nights and to be present from the reading of the minutes until the closing.

In the giving of Grand honors, I have found most Lodges require instruction, also in the reception of Grand officers. Much assistance along this line can be given by D.D.G.M.'s.

My inspections of the Lodge books have shown me that very few Lodges are carrying members who should be suspended for non-payment of dues, and any such are the exception. I can but hope that the short remarks made by me will afford some information to the brethren as to their sister Lodges, and that my visits may have been some measure of assistance to the Lodges in their work. I quite realize that visits of criticism are not personally as pleasant as Lodges of instruction, but they are nevertheless a necessity, and perhaps my successor will think that this coming year can be taken up with Lodges of instruction, though a consideration of rituals of the American Rite will militate against the usefulness of such Lodges.

Constituting New Lodges

As soon as practicable, after the receipt of the charters, I went to High River and constituted Cornerstone Lodge, No. 19, a most enthusiastic body of Masons working the American Rite. Was assisted by the D.G.M., Grand Wardens and D.D.G.M. After the installation we were entertained by the brethren at a banquet. I

took the opportunity of viewing the skeleton of a new Lodge room and other accommodations which, when completed, will afford most commodious quarters.

In the afternoon of the 30th of November, assisted by the D.G.M. and some Past Masters, I constituted Carstairs Lodge, No. 20, installed the officers and visited the new Lodge in the evening, when the third degree was conferred by W. Brother Scott. He is to be congratulated upon the way in which he performed the work, and upon the respect and affection shown him by the brethren of Carstairs. On examining the minute book, I found that the Lodge had been in the habit of working in the first degree, and that they had done so prior to the examination of their books by the Committee on New Charters. I hope this will act as a warning to that Committee in the future, and that they will exercise the greatest care before approving of books submitted to them. The Lodge room was not by any means a desirable one, but the best to be had. If the good intentions of the brethren at the Constituting ceremony have borne fruit, they will be on the road to the possession of a piece of land at the very least.

Lodges Under Dispensation

On the 6th of April I instituted a Lodge at Didsbury, and I believe we shall have a very enthusiastic body of Masons in that village, over whom Brother Peterson will have a fatherly influence. They work the Canadian Rite. A large number of brethren, headed by R.W. Brother Macdonald, from Calgary were present, as also quite a number from near-by Lodges.

I have issued dispensations to form Lodges at Vegreville, Vermillion and Stettler, all in District No. 3. The first two are on the Canadian Northern, and have been duly instituted; the third is on the branch line from Lacombe, and on the 16th of January had not paid the required fee. I am in receipt of a letter dated early in February, from R. W.Brother Dickson, informing me that he had instituted the Lodge, with the best of prospects for their future.

In District No. 2 there has been but one new Lodge started, the one at Frank. This was instituted by R.W. Brother Smyth.

In District No. 1, besides the Lodge at Didsbury, there are two other new ones, each instituted by R.W. Brother Macdonald. One at Okotoks, the other in Calgary.

You will doubtless receive reports from the Committee on New Charters as to the manner in which the new Lodges are working.

Masonic Districts

I would draw the attention of Grand Lodge to present Masonic Districts which appear to me to be unwieldy. Would recommend for your consideration the advisability of making District No. 1, from Calgary west along the main line of the C.P.R. and along the Calgary and Macleod line north of the Jurisdiction of Alberta Lodge, Macleod.

District No. 2, from the eastern Jurisdiction of the Calgary Lodges along the C.P.R. main line to the eastern boundary of the Province, and to include the Crow's Nest Railway.

District No. 3, along the Calgary and Edmonton line, north of the Jurisdiction of the Edmonton Lodges, to include all branch lines from the C. & E. Railway.

District No. 4, along the Canadian Northern Railway and including Victoria Lodge, Fort Saskatchewan.

I think if some such division is made, the work of the D.D.G.M. will be easier. Would also suggest that in place of defining the boundaries of these Districts, a preferable plan would be to allot the Lodges into Districts, and when dispensations are issued for new Lodges, let the Grand Master place each such Lodge in the District named by him.

Rituals

This is a most serious question, and requires the immediate attention of Grand Lodge. After seeing the want of uniformity in the American Rite Lodges, I deemed it the better plan to appoint two strong committees to submit a report to you at this Communication. I expect that you will receive a report upon the Canadian work. Their task was a comparatively light one, seeing that the ritual used by Manitoba is identical with that of England, but they will perhaps recommend that a pamphlet be issued, giving more details as to ritual (using that word in its more correct meaning).

The work of the Committee on the American Rite was infinitely more difficult, and I am afraid the only way will be to appoint a committee residing in one town who will draft a ritual and submit same to the Lodges doing that work.

I had no conception of the many variations of this Rite until I made my official visits. I know of no two Lodges working alike, and upon enquiry as to the why and the wherefore of these differences, have been told that "this is the way we do it in Michigan," "that is the way we have done it in Oregon," Virginia, and all the different States of America. We have no standard to go by, and what is required is that the Ritual should be formulated by Grand Lodge and printed copies being sold under the same safeguards as the Canadian Rite. Anyone can purchase "Looking to the East," a book with numerous faults in phraseology and directions, and "Ecce Orienti," the latter a silly attempt at putting the former in cypher.

R.W. Brother Smyth, member of the Committee I appointed, compared the two books, and found them word for word the same. I would like the brethren to remember that the Grand Officers visit Lodges for the purpose of helping the members to conform to a settled standard, but that they have no authority upon which to rely in correcting the work of American Rite Lodges. My own Lodge works this Rite, but when visiting the other Lodges I failed to see my authority for correcting Lodges doing similar work, but which differed in many respects from the work of Medicine Hat Lodge. My successor may be a member of some other Lodge working the American Rite, but which in many respects will differ from Medicine Hat Lodge. I fail to see from whence he would receive his authority to correct my own Lodge. Then, again, a Grand Master who has been trained in the Canadian work, can refer to no authority to guide him when visiting a Lodge working the American Rite. The book which I understand was supplied by the G. S. of Manitoba as the ritual for the American work, was "Looking to the East, or Ecce Orienti," and this book differs very materially from the Constitution in its prayers and charges to candidates. I have endeavored to avoid all controversial matter and to bring the minds of the brethren to the one fact that we should have a standard of work in

the American Rite for the guidance of Lodges and as the authority for Grand Lodge Officers. I would like to make a further remark in this connection, but it is one that you will probably think is Utopian: Why not a combined Ritual? It is generally acknowledged that the first degree in the Canadian work is finer than in the other; and that the second degree in the American is finer than in the Canadian; the third degrees are largely different in the two works. My suggestion is that a ritual be adopted containing the opening in the Canadian Rite and closing of the Lodge in the American Rite; the first degree from the Canadian Rite, the second degree from the American Rite, and the third degree from both as alternatives. I think that the difficulty of the differences in the obligations can and should be overcome by setting one obligation for each degree. Regarding the third degree, I think the two forms we have will be most useful as alternatives. It is generally agreed the third degree in the American Rite is very fine, if conferred by a trained team well drilled to their work, but to do this you require a steady attendance of the same members and a fairly large number of them; for country Lodges and town Lodges weak in membership, my experience teaches me the Canadian Rite is better, because the work is done almost solely by the Master. I have been brought up in the American Rite, and for that reason earnestly desire that we get one standard work to go by, as completely under the control of the Grand Lodge as the Canadian Rite is.

The ritual of the P.M. degree also requires overhauling, the copies supplied us being very deficient in common sense.

Entertainment of Grand Lodge

I would recommend to the attention of Grand Lodge the question of entertainment by the Subordinate Lodge at the place of meeting. This year I am free to mention the subject and to suggest to the brethren that in future grants be made by Grand Lodge towards the expenses of its own entertainment. If the present good plan of meeting in the town of each Lodge in order of seniority is continued, the expenses will fall very heavily on some of the weak Lodges, and in fact will be prohibitive. I firmly believe that the changing of the place of meeting in the manner begun is of immense assistance to the enthusiasm of the local Lodges. and this should not be imperilled by reason of heavy expense being put upon the local members.

Finance

I am given to understand that the question of receiving from Manitoba any moneys is still in abeyance; that Grand Lodge having closed their last Communication without doing anything of a definite nature in that regard.

Lodge Notices

The receipt of Lodge notices has been fairly regular, there being a few delinquents. They have enabled me to draw the attention of three or four Lodges to irregularities relative chiefly to balloting.

Masonic Protective Association

I think the attention of Grand Lodge should be drawn to a question raised by the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. I refer to a private bill before the House at Ottawa, asking for the incor-

poration of the "Masonic Protective Association of Canada." This is a private corporation for the purpose of gain and should not in any way use a word implying a connection with Masonry. Individual members are forbidden the use of Masonic signs or symbols in their trade or business, and the same principle applies to a company or association such as the one alluded to. I would suggest that some steps be taken by which objections may be lodged against the naming of this Association in any way implying connection with Masonry.

Incorporation

Though there may be objections to the incorporation of our Grand Lodge, I think it essential that the earliest opportunity should be taken to have a private bill passed incorporating our Lodges. The holding of land in this Province by trustees is made very awkward by reason of the terms of trust not being recognized by the Land Titles Act, consequently in order to hold land in a simple and easy manner, powers should be obtained under which Lodges could become an incorporate body and hold lands as such. Personally I would favor a method similar to religious bodies, by which all lands could be held in the name of the Grand Lodge. I think that in such a case a check on unwise dealings in property would be obtained.

Final

In closing this brief account of my doings during the past year, I desire to take the opportunity of once more acknowledging the honor done me when you elected such a youthful Mason to the Grand East. I can the more truthfully give you my thanks after a year of office, during which I have found my duties most interesting, though the work has been somewhat hard by reason of my added duties as a member of the Committee on Constitution; and last, but not least, I have been able to meet many brethren, amongst whom I may number new friends.

May the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe rest upon us and all regular Masons, and may He guide us in our present deliberations to the honor and glory of His Name and the true advancement of the objects of our Craft.

Fraternally yours,

O. W. KEALY,
Grand Master.

On motion of M.W. Brother E. A. Braithwaite (7), seconded by R.W. Brother G. H. Hogbin (1), the M.W. the Grand Master's address was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from Red Deer Lodge, extending an invitation to Grand Lodge to hold its next Annual Communication at Red Deer;

Also one from M.W. Brother Hugh Murray, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, asking the co-operation of this Grand Lodge to prevent a company from using the name "Masonic Protective Association."

It was moved by R.W. Brother G. H. Hogbin (1), and seconded by R.W. Brother N. J. Lindsay (1), that the letter of Red Deer Lodge be laid on the table until the proper time for the consideration of place of meeting, and that M. W. Brother Murray's communication be fyled.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, February 1st, 1907.

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

In presenting the report of my stewardship in District No. 1, I look back with pleasure, and review the occasions which furnish material for this report, and I hope that the many brotherly ties and friendships formed will endure until I am called upon to lay aside the working tools of life, and am summoned to the Grand Lodge above.

During the past year I have visited every Lodge in my District, and present the record of such visits.

Bow River, No. 1—I officially visited this Lodge on January 7th, in the present year. The W.M. and his officers conferred the first degree, and considering that they had only just been installed into office, the work was creditably done. This Lodge is active, and their books are neatly and correctly kept.

Cascade, No. 5—The regular meeting night in June found me surrounded by the officers and members of this Lodge in their very comfortable Lodge room at Banff. The third degree was conferred in a fitting manner by Worshipful Master Fear and his officers. The books are well kept and were up to date.

Innisfail, No. 8—I first visited this Lodge on June 20th, 1906, when the first degree was conferred in a highly satisfactory manner. I again visited this Lodge on January 17th, 1907, when I found that Worshipful Brother Brewster was still wielding the gavel, he having been re-elected to the chair of King Solomon. I must here congratulate the Lodge on their wise choice. On this occasion the first and second degrees were conferred most satisfactorily. A special feature of this meeting was the lecture in the second degree, givn by R.W. Brother Robert Wynn, a past D.D.G.M. The books are well attended to. During the course of the evening I had the pleasure of presenting Worshipful Master James Brewster with a Past Master's jewel on behalf of the officers and members of Innisfail Lodge.

Perfection, No. 9—I had the honor of accompanying the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on an official visit to this Lodge on May 15th, 1906. The first degree was conferred, and we had the pleasure of listening to our Grand Master on different points of interest.

I paid a second visit to this Lodge on December 20th, 1906, and saw the first degree conferred. The work was well done. The books are exceptionally well kept, and I am glad to note that a special committee has been appointed on the Historical Register, and that in due course the history of the Lodge from its inception will be fully chronicled.

This being my mother Lodge, I feel diffident in saying much. But it is only fair to the brethren to mention that at the close of this communication I was tendered a reception and banquet, which was rendered all the more pleasant by being graced by the presence

of the Ladies. During the course of the evening, Mrs. Macdonald and myself were presented with a handsome cabinet of cutlery and silverware. Coming as this did from my mother Lodge, where I learned to love and work for Free Masonry, I appreciate it more than words can express.

Reed Deer, No. 12—I left Calgary to visit this Lodge at their regular meeting in July, but as the train was late, I found to my regret, on my arrival, the Lodge had been closed.

On January 8th, I again visited the Lodge, and saw the first degree conferred in a capable manner by the officers. The books are neatly and correctly kept. On this occasion I had the pleasure of the company of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother Rev. G. H. Hogbin.

Mountain View, No. 16—I visited this Lodge at their regular meeting in January, but the night being exceedingly cold and most of the brethren having a long distance to drive, the attendance was small. The Lodge is steadily growing and has a bright future before it. This Lodge enjoys a very competent secretary.

Nanton, No. 17—At the regular meeting in June I visited this Lodge and saw the third degree conferred by the Worshipful Master and officers. This Lodge is making splendid progress, and has a well-kept set of books.

Corner Stone, No. 19—I visited this Lodge on April 17th, and saw the first degree conferred. The work was all that could be desired. On November 25th, I accompanied the Most Worshipful the Grand Master when he with other Grand Lodge Officers constituted this Lodge and installed the officers. I instituted this Lodge in November, 1905, being my first official act during my former term of office. It was the first Lodge instituted under the Grand Lodge of Alberta, hence its name, Corner Stone. The Lodge started, if I remember rightly, with seven members, and has now fifty-two, and they held during the year fifty-two meetings. They have a beautifully furnished lodge room and a good balance in the bank. I mention this, as it is very gratifying to see this the first Lodge instituted under the Grand Lodge of Alberta prospering in such a marked degree.

King Hiram U. D.—On April 6th I accompanied the M.W. the Grand Master to Didsbury, where he instituted this Lodge in the presence of a large number of brethren, including fifty from Calgary.

I officially visited this Lodge on November 27th. The first degree was conferred in excellent manner. The books are well kept. A banquet following this meeting was very much brightened by the presence of the ladies.

Corinthian Lodge U. D.—Acting on instructions from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I instituted this Lodge on July 31st, 1906. On this occasion I was accompanied by a large number of brethren from Calgary, including the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother Rev. G. H. Hogbin. The evening of January 4th, 1907, found me on my official visit to this Lodge. The third degree was conferred in first-class shape, and the progress made by this Lodge is most satisfactory.

Carstairs, No. 20—I visited this Lodge on November 30th, that being the occasion of its Constitution by the Most Worshipful the

Grand Master, assisted by other Grand Lodge officers. The third degree was well conferred. I must report good progress in this Lodge.

Calgary U. D.—Upon receiving the necesasry instructions from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I instituted this Lodge on the first Friday in November. They started with a membership of forty-three and have good officers. Their first act was the reception of the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother Rev. G. H. Hogbin.

I attended the regular meeting of this Lodge in December, 1906. Everything was conducted carefully and with dignity.

On December 27th I installed the officers of Bow River Lodge, No. 1, and Perfection Lodge, No. 9. On this occasion I had the pleasure of presenting R.W. Brother Hogbin and V.W. Brother Blair with Past Masters' jewels, on behalf of their respective Lodges.

I received petitions for new Lodges at Stavely and Claresholm, which I forwarded to R.W. Brother Smyth, these towns being in his District.

I received a petition for a new Lodge at Red Deer. I found the officers named competent, and forwarded the petition to the Grand Secretary.

I have been approached for a petition for a fourth Lodge at Calgary, which I hope will in due course be warranted. This will be the second Lodge to work the Canadian Rite in that city.

The general condition of Masonry in my District could not be better. Every Lodge is active and they are filled with an enthusiasm which is bound to win. The books are all well kept, and the amount of dues outstanding very small, considering the membership. On the whole, the outlook could not be brighter than it is at the present time.

I cannot close this report without thanking my brethren of District No. 1 for the honor conferred on me by my election to this office for a second term.

I also wish to thank those who so willingly accompanied me on my several official visits.

I wish to thank every Lodge in District No. 1 for their unfailing courtesy and kindness. My vists through the District were most pleasant, and at the close of every communication I was entertained at an informal supper or banquet.

I started out as your D.D.G.M., proud of my District; and at this moment, when I surrender my commission as your representative, I feel that I have every reason to be more than proud of my District and of those who are enrolled as members of its several Lodges.

I hope my work has been acceptable to you. I have tried to do my duty (as I saw it) conscientiously and for the best interests of Free Masonry.

The past year has been one of great pleasure and profit to me, and it is with a tinge of regret I lay aside the mantle of office; but as I stand aside, I have a firm conviction that as the Lodges of District No. 1 move onward and upward in the accomplishment of their glorious mission, their members will by the lives they live, by the deeds they do and by the work they accomplish, show to the world that the lessons of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, the

lessons of Faith, Hope and Charity, so often taught around our sacred altars, have in District No. 1 fallen on rich soil, where they will bloom forth as sweet-scented flowers, to the honor and glory of our Grandest and Almighty Master and the highest good of the brethren.

Fraternaly submitted,

JNO. T. MACDONALD,
D.D.G.M., District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

I beg to present herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 2, G.R.A.

I enclose statistical report showing status of the four Lodges originally constituting this District. They all show substantial gains in membership.

The finances of all are in a very satisfactory condition.

I have been able to visit all Lodges in the District except No. 4. Bad train service, with bad weather conditions, frustrated my attempts to visit this Lodge.

A point I have drawn particular attention to, in the Lodges visited, is to urge them to acquire property upon which to build a Lodge room at once, or to hold until able to build.

I have made two visits to Frank, one to inspect their proposed Lodge room, and one to institute the Lodge there on December 21st, 1906.

This Lodge is starting out under very bright auspices. The officers are capable and enthusiastic and the Lodge has a good membership. This Lodge is the centre of a splendid District, so I would report its future as assured.

Three more petitions for new Lodges have been received, but owing to errors in making them out, have been returned for correction. The petitioners are from Taber, Coleman and Stavely.

I have the honor to be, M.W. Sir.

Your obedient servant,

C. E. SMYTH, D.D.G.M.,
Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the M.W. Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

As District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 3, I respectfully report as follows:

Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, Edmonton—I visited this Lodge on the evening of March 15th, and saw the third degree conferred in a very creditable manner, the W.M. and officers being well skilled in the work. I found the books well kept. This Lodge owns the building

in which they have their Lodge room, and have a very large balance to their credit over liabilities. On the occasion of my visit, I was requested by the W.M. to present to W. Brother J. W. Morris, on behalf of the Lodge ,a Past Master's jewel, as a token of their appreciation of his work while in the East.

Acacia Lodge, No. 11, Strathcona—I accompanied the Grand Master on his visit to this Lodge, April 2nd, and saw the Fellow Craft degree conferred. I was rather disappointed in the work, as this Lodge had a good reputation for the work in the past. The books were in very good shape and up to date. I think this Lodge has a bright future before it. It owns a lot and expects to build and own its own hall.

Jasper Lodge, No. 14, Edmonton—I accompanied the Grand Master on his visit to this Lodge, August 13th, and saw the conferring of the F. C. degree. I had paid this Lodge a visit in the previous January, when I witnessed the conferring of the third degree. This is the second strongest Lodge in the Third Masonic District, and the officers are well skilled in their work, the books well kept, and its membership increasing rapidly.

On the 15th of August I accompanied M.W. Brother Kealy, Grand Master, to a banquet given jointly by the two Edmonton Lodges, and on the following day again visited No. 7, when the third degree was worked.

On the 27th of September I visited **Vegreville,** accompanied by R.W. Brother C. H. Stuart Wade (Grand Registrar), W. Brother Jamieson (W.M. Edmonton Lodge), W. Brother Bown (W.M. Jasper Lodge), W. Brother D'Easum (W.M. Victoria Lodge), and other brethren, for the purpose of instituting the Wheat Sheaf Lodge (U.D.), which started under most favorable auspices. At the banquet which followed, R.W. Brother Findlay (Minister of Agriculture) and other brethren addressed the members present on Masonic principles and procedure. Probably no Lodge in the District ever treated Grand officers with greater courtesy and fraternal spirit than this the newest addition to the Craft.

My official duties preventing my attending the institution of **Vermillion Lodge (U.D.),** I requested R.W. Brother C. H. Stuart Wade, Grand Registrar, to act for me on the 3rd of November, 1906. He reports a hard trip in consequence of the train service, but found the brethren very desirous of obtaining Masonic information, and enthusiastic as well as capable in their work. At their request he gave a Masonic lecture on the History of Masonry, on the following day, and feels justified in expecting a very prosperous future for this Lodge. A banquet followed, which was a credit to the brethren.

On the 29th of November, I accompanied the Grand Master to **Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 15.** It was the night of elections, and therefore it is hardly fair to be critical, especially as this is the Lodge to which I belong; its work was fairly well done, and the books are exceedingly well kept.

On the 6th of December I visited **Britannia Lodge, No. 18,** at Ponoka. It meets in a very comfortable hall, and I have every reason to believe the officers to be capable and certainly they are enthusiastic Masons. Their books are well kept.

On the 16th of January, 1907, I visited **Eureka Lodge, No. 10,** at Lacombe, when the second degree was exemplified, the floor work being especially good.

On the 7th of February, I visited Stettler to institute **Apollo Lodge, U.D.** The brethren have purchased a lot for the purpose of building a hall of their own, a course of procedure which I strongly approve of, and I have every reason to believe theat their prospects are of a brilliant character, judging by my observations of the country and surroundings as also of the brethren themselves.

The inclemency of the season, as well as opposing circumstances, prevented my personally visiting **Victoria Lodge, No. 13,** but I have information from R.W. Brother Stuart Wade that this Lodge is most energetic and painstaking and a credit to the Craft.

Before closing this report, I must, however, direct attention to the negligence of Lodges in the matter of keeping their Historiacl Registrar up to date, otherwise I have every reason to be proud of the Lodges constituting Masonic District No. 3, and beg to express my personal appreciation of the very cordial receptions I have met at all points, without exception; as also of the assistance rendered me in my work of inspection, and the pleasure I have derived from association with the brethren of a considerable area of Northern Alberta.

Fraternally submitted,

A. R. DICKSON, D.D.G.M.,
Third Masonic District.

On motion of R.W. Brother J. T. Macdonald (9), seconded by R.W. Brother A. R. Dickson (15), the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

A letter was read from the Mayor and Council of the Town of Macleod, extending a welcome to this Grand Lodge, and extending to it the freedom of the town.

On motion of M.W. Brother E. A. Braithwaite (7), seconded by R.W. Brother J. T. Macdonald (9), the Grand Secretary was instructed to return an answer to the Town of Macleod—that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Mayor and Council of Macleod for their address of welcome, and that the Grand Lodge are glad to meet in such a well-known settlement as that of old Fort Macleod; that the freedom of the town for this Grand Lodge is acknowledged and accepted.

Called from Labor

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12.30 o'clock a.m.

Labor Resumed

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 1.40 o'clock p.m.

Presentation

On resuming labor, M.W. Brother Braithwaite, on behalf of Grand Lodge, in a few well-chosen remarks presented M.W. Brother G. Macdonald, the first Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, with a handsome chain collar in token of the appreciation of his services to this Grand Lodge.

M.W. Brother Macdonald replied in suitable terms, thanking the Grand Lodge for their kindly remembrance and pledged himself to use his best efforts to promote the welfare of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Report of the Grand Treasurer

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,—I herewith submit my statement of receipts and disbursements of Grand Lodge to December 31st, 1906.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

1905. **Receipts**

Nov. 16—To	J. J. Dunlop, Grand Secretary.....	$ 25 00	
18—To	" " "	15 50	
28—To	" " "	171 50	
Dec. 11—To	" " "	44 50	
28—To	" " "	63 75	
1906.			
Jan. 4—To	" " "	97 00	
9—To	" " "	40 25	
Feb. 1—To	" " "	292 23	
12—To	" " "	18 00	
19—To	" " "	33 50	
Mar. 1—To	" " "	40 50	
26—To	" " "	25 00	
June 19—To	" " "	63 75	
25—To	" " "	105 75	
Aug. 16—To	" " "	124 65	
Sept. 19—To	" " "	332 25	
26—To	" " "	86 00	
Dec. 1—To	" " "	74 20	
			$1,653 33

Expenditures

1905.		Order No.	Amount	
Dec. 16	By A. W. R. Markley	1	$ 18 00	
1906.				
Jan. 2	By A. W. R. Markley	2	337 65	
Mar. 7	By Edmonton Bulletin	3	54 50	
7	By Edmonton Bulletin	3	54 50	
7	By Journal Printing Co	4	78 60	
7	By J. J. Dunlop	5	108 20	
7	By H. W. B. Douglas	6	12 15	
7	By K. W .McKenzie	7	7 75	
7	By T. W. Taylor	8	12 00	
7	By J. H. Kenmis	9	75	
15	By R. H. Finch	10	20 10	
May 16	By the Douglas Co	11	1 90	
16	By the Journal Printing Co	12	17 75	
16	By R. A. Robertson	13	2 00	
16	By G. H. Hogbin	14	5 00	
16	By K. W. McKenzie	15	6 90	
16	By J. J. Dunlop	16	10 55	
Sept. 4	By Hugh Murray	17	12 00	
4	By A. M. Terril	18	25 00	
4	By E. W. Rugg	19	34 00	
4	By W. C. Harris	20	34 75	
4	By Dominion Regalia Co	21	65 55	
4	By the Bulletin Co	22	3 25	
4	By E. W. Rugg	23	8 00	
4	By Western Printing Co	24	5 00	
Dec. 1	By Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2	73	1 00	
1	By H. C. Cooper	74	32 50	
1	By E. W. Rugg	76	18 00	
1	By W. C. Harris	77	80 60	
1	By the Bulletin Co	78	8 50	
1	By H. W. B. Douglas	79	95	
1	By R. A. Robertson	80	1 50	
1	By K. W. McKenzie	81	10 70	
1	By J. J. Dunlop	82	200 00	
1	By J. J. Dunlop	83	26 95	
1	By the Herald Co	84	10 25	
				$1,272 30
Jan. 1	To Balance			381 03

RELIEF FUND ACCOUNT

1906.			
July 23	To J. J. Dunlop, Grand Secretary	$ 97 00	
Aug. 16	To J. J. Dunlop, Grand Secretary	50 00	
			$147 00
Jan. 1	To Balance		$147 00

On motion of R.W. Brother G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R.W. Brother N. J. Lindsay (1), the report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of the Grand Secretary

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,—Your Grand Secretary begs to make the following report:

Since our regular meeting on the 20th of February, 1906, in accordance with my instructions received from this Grand Lodge, I had printed on parchment 50 forms of charters from the plates owned by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which, by their kind permission, we were permitted to use. Of these, eighteen were duly filled out with the names and numbers of the Lodges originally comprising this Grand Lodge. The names of the ruling Master and Wardens, together with the names of the twelve senior members of each Lodge, appearing on its charter.

These charters have been completed by the signatures of the proper Grand Lodge officers, and forwarded to the several Lodges. The charters have also been sent to Corner Stone Lodge, No. 19, and Carstairs Lodge, No. 20, which Lodges were duly granted charters at the last regular meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Dispensations have been granted to brethren to form new Lodges as follows:

On April 6, at Didsbury, to be known as King Hiram.

July 31, at Okotoks, to be known as Corinthian.

Nov. 2, at Calgary, to be known as Calgary.

Nov. 3, at Vermillion, to be known as Vermillion.

Nov. 4, at Vegreville, to be known as St. John's.

Two dispensations were granted to confer degrees within the limit prescribed by the Constitution.

A dispensation to hold the installation of officers on another date than that fixed by the laws of the Lodge.

Dispensation to initiate a candidate suffering from a physical disability.

Two dispensations to ballot for candidates within twelve months of their rejection.

Five dispensations to appear in public clothed as Masons. These dispensations were all granted to attend divine service.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The following Sovereign Grand Lodges have officially recognized this Grand Lodge as a Grand Masonic Lodge, holding Sovereign Jurisdiction in the Province of Alberta, Canada:

Grand Lodge of New York	Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia
" " Michigan	" " Can. in Ontario
" " District of Columbia	" " Nevada
	" " Ohio
" " Deleware	" " Montana
" " West Virginia	" " Brit. Columbia
" " New Mexico	" " Iowa
" " Idaho	" " Rhode Island
" " Scotland	" " Oregon
" " Nebraska	" " Pennsylvania
" " West Australia	

Representatives have been exchanged with the following Grand Lodges, and the following appointments have been made:

LIST OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Grand Lodge.	From Alberta.	To Alberta.
Canada	J. J. Dunlop, Edmonton	A. J. Young, North Bay
Delaware	J. T. Macdonald, Calgary	Wm. Macdonald
Dist. of Columbia	R. Patterson, Macleod	R. W. Ralph, Washington
Michigan	H. C. Taylor, Edmonton	W. Galligher, Saginaw
Montana	W. G. Ibbotson	H. L. Frank
Nevada	F. F. Bennet, Victoria	Ed. Barber, Reno
Nova Scotia	R. Scott, Carstairs	J. Fothergill, Canso
Ohio	A. R. Dickson, Wetaskiwin	Dr. D. N. Kinsman
West Virginia		Mr. Clark

When sending out the blank forms of returns to the Lodges, I issued a circular letter particularly requesting the secretaries to get in their reports in time to allow committees to report at this meeting, but there were only thirteen out of the twenty chartered Lodges whose returns were in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before the date prescribed by the Constitution. However, I may add that five of the dinlinquents have since reported.

The receipts of the Grand Lodge from all sources, since its inauguration, has been $1,653; disbursements, $1,272.30; leaving a balance in the bank of $381.03, as shown in the detailed statement of the Finance Committee.

Number of members on roll, as per last Grand Lodge report....1206
Number of members on roll as per returns to date.....1627

Showing a net gain of 421 members, or a gain of over 33% in the sixteen months of our existence.

The assets of the Grand Lodge consist of the before-mentioned balance in the bank, Grand Master's and Grand Warden's regalia, and some office requisites in the office of the Grand Secretary of no considerable value.

There is a small stock of stationery still on hand available for subordinate Lodges.

Edmonton Lodge has very generously offered your Grand Secretary the use of a room rent free in their block in Edmonton, the only condition imposed being that reports of proceedings of other Grand Lodges, Masonic papers and literature sent to the Grand Secretary, be open for the perusal of the members of the Craft in Edmonton.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. DUNLOP,
Grand Secretary.

On motion of M.W. Brother G. Macdonald (1), seconded by M.W. Brother E. A. Braithwaite (7), the report of the Grand Secretary was referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's report.

Annual Report of the Board of General Purposes

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,—The Board met as ordered, immediately after the last Annual Communication, and elected its officers and committees as required.

The separate reports of these committees will be presented.

Other meetings of the full board have been held, one in May, to consider steps to be taken with regard to the brethren involved in the San Francisco disaster, the result being recorded in the report on Finance.

Another, as reported by the Grand Master, with reference to printing the Constitution and certificates, and another yesterday. During yesterday's session the following resolution was passed and is submitted for your approval:—That a Special Communication of Grand Lodge be called to meet in Calgary on the 10th day of April next, to consider and adopt the Constitution as drafted, with such amendments as may then be passed. That all proposed amendments shall be in the hands of MW. Brother Kealy, the Chairman of the Committee on Constitution (which is hereby continued as such Committee) on or before the 31st of March, so that the Committee may tabulate the same.

The following members vacate the Board by rule of this session: Bros. Patterson, Kemmis, Morris and Fleetwood.

Fraternally submitted,

G. H. HOGBIN,
President.

On motion of R.W. Brother G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R.W. Brother J. Kemmis (6), the report of the Board of General Purpose was received and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,—Your Committee on Jurisprudence has not held meetings since the last Communication of this Grand Lodge, as no matters have arisen requiring its action.

Fraternally submitted,

N. J. LINDSAY,
Acting Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Brother N. J. Lindsay (1), seconded by R.W. Brother C. H. Stuart Wade (14), the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Grievances and Appeals

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,—Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals are pleased to inform you that nothing under above heading has required any attention from us.

Fraternally submitted,
G. MACDONALD,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of M.W. Brother G. Macdonald (1), seconded by R.W. Brother C. H. Stuart Wade (14), the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on the Condition of Masonry

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,—Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry have examined the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters submitted to it and find the statistics therein contained are evidence of vigorous growth throughout the Jurisdiction.

The number of Lodges working under dispensation and the knowledge that the formation of others is contemplated, proves conclusively that our Masonic growth is keeping pace with the marvellous growth of the Province.

We congratulate the Grand Lodge on having had for nearly eighteen months such energetic officers as the District Deputy Grand Masters have shown themselves to be, and without any derogation or invidious distinction to the other two, your Committee must take particular notice of the work done by R.W. Brother J. T. Macdonald, the District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1.

Your Committee recommends that the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon:

R.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, District No. 1.

R.W. Bro. C. E. Smyth, District No. 2.

R.W. Bro. A. R. Dickson, District No. 3.

Fraternally submitted,
G. MACDONALD,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of M.W. Brother G. Macdonald (1), seconded by W. Brother E. A. Jamieson (7), the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry was received and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,—Your Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence beg to report that we have received recognition from the following Grand Lodges:

British Columbia	Nevada
Canada in Ontario	Montana
District of Columbia	Nebraska
Deleware	Michigan
Idaho	Nova Scotia
Iowa	New York
Rhode Island	Ohio
Scotland	Pennsylvania
New Mexico	West Australia
Oregon	West Virginia

Correspondence with a view to recognition has been received from:

Omaha	Utah
Vermont	Illinois
Kansas	Massachusetts
Mississippi	N. Dakota
S. Australia	Washington
Alabama	Kentucky
Louisiana	Maryland
Florida	New Hampshire

Iowa ceased to appoint Grand Representatives in 1888, but hope for pleasant and harmonious relations with this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge in Maine expresses similar feelings.

The Grand Lodge of California, under date of October 9th, express thanks for words of encouragement and financial assistance so promptly offered.

Swiss Grand Lodge of Alpina asks for recognition.

We hope that at our next Annual Communication we may have recognition from all Grand Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. BRAITHWAITE,

Chairman of Committee.

On motion of M.W. Brother E. A. Braithwaite (7), seconded by M.W. Brother G. Macdonald (1), recognition of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was granted, and the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence was received and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Finance

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,—At the last Communication of Grand Lodge ,the recommendation of the Finance Committee to extend the financial year to December 27th, 1906, so as to include the business transactions from the date of organization, was adopted, and will therefore now be included in this year's report, which we herewith submit.

Receipts to February 20th, 1906	$801 88
Expenditure to same date	355 65

During the Masonic year just passed, your Committee has authorized the payment of the following accounts:

Receipts to February 20th, 1906	$ 78 60
Grand Secretary's account to February 15th	108 20
Edmonton Bulletin	54 50
J. H. Kemmis, for ballot, etc	75
K. W. McKenzie, stationery	7 75
H. W. B. Douglas	12 15
T. W. Taylor	12 00
R. H. Finch	20 10
The Douglas Co	1 90
Journal Printing Co	17 75
R. A. Robertson	2 00
G. H. Hogbin	5 00
K. W. McKenzie	6 90
J. J. Dunlop	10 55
The Bulletin Co	3 25
Western Printing Co	5 00
E. W. Rugg Co., commissions	8 00
H. C. Harris, printing	34 75
Dominion Regalia Co	65 55
Hugh Murray	12 00
A. M. Terril	25 00
E. W. Rugg, dispensations	34 00
E. W. Rugg, circulars and dimits	18 00
W. C. Harris, 600 proceedings	80 60
Bulletin, circular letters	8 50
K. W. McKenzie	10 70
R. A. Robertson	1 50
Grand Secretary, salary to October 15th	200 00
Grand Secretary, postage and expenses	26 95

Herald Co., letter heads		10 25
H. W. B. Douglas, seals		95
H. C. Cooper, funeral expenses		32 50
Medicine Hat Lodge		1 00
Expenditure for the year		$ 916 65
Previous expenditure		355 65
Total expenditure since organization		$1,272 30
Receipts for the year	$851 55	
Receipts to February 20th, 1906	801 88	
Total receipts since organization	$1,653 33	
Balance in the Treasury		381 03
	$1,653 33	$1,653 33

One hundred and forty-seven dollars was also collected for the San Francisco Relief Fund, which is kept in a separate account.

Fraternally submitted,

N. J. LINDSAY,

Chairman of Committee.

On motion of R.W. Brother N. J. Lindsay (1), seconded by R.W. Brother C. H. Stuart Wade (14), the report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted

Report of the Committee on Benevolence

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,—The Committee on Benevolence beg to report that no case has arisen needing assistance from this Grand Lodge.

Since the last Communication, however, the brethren in San Francisco met with very heavy losses resulting from the earthquake. A meeting of the Board of General Purposes was called at the instance of the Grand Master, and a recommendation was passed that the Grand Master address a letter to the several Lodges asking for subscriptions. The amount realized was $147.00. It appears as a very small subscription, but about the time they were being made, the newspapers reported telegrams from San Francisco, showing that all donations were being refused, which caused many Lodges not to subscribe.

Your Committee would recommend that the amount donated be placed to the credit of a St. John the Evangelist fund, which could be used for the relief of urgent cases of distressed Masons.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. MACDONALD,

Acting Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Brother H. C. Taylor (7), seconded by R.W. Brother G. H. Hogbin (1), the report of the Committee was referred back for amendment.

The Committee on Benevolence amend their report by striking out the last clause and inserting the following:

That inasmuch as the moneys collected ($147.00) were given for a specific purpose, and that only a portion of the Lodges subscribed, we recommend that these moneys be returned to the several contributing Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. MACDONALD,

Acting Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Brother J. T. Macdonld (9), seconded by V.W. Brother S. J. Blair (9), the report of the Committee on Benevolence as amended was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Charters and New Lodges

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members

of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Your Committee has had before it the books of the following Lodges at present under dispensation, and respectfully recommend as follows:

That warrants be granted in the ordinary way to the following Lodges:

King Hiram Lodge, No. 21, Didsbury, in First Masonic District.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, Okotoks, in First Masonic District.

Calgary Lodge, No. 23, Calgary, in First Masonic District.

Vermillion Lodge, No. 24, Vermillion, in Third Masonic District.

St. John's Lodge, No. 25, Vegreville, in Third Masonic District. And that owing to the short time Sentinel Lodge U.D. and Apollo Lodge U.D. have been at work, the charter for these Lodges be withheld at this session

Fraternally submitted,

G. H. HOGBIN,

Chairman of Committee.

On motion of R.W. Brother G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R.W. Brother C. H. Stuart Wade (14), the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Credentials and Reception

W. Brother A. E. Jamieson, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Reception, presented the following report:

To the M.W. Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report as follows:

There are 20 chartered and 7 Lodges U.D. on the Grand Registrar; 16 Lodges are represented by their own officers, 3 Lodges by proxy, and 1 is unrepresented. There are 45 Past Masters present, making a total vote of 102.

Your Committee find the Lodges in this jurisdiction represented as follows:

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total
1	Bow River	....	1	....	8	....	11
2	Medicine Hat	1	1	....	3	....	6
3	Alberta	1	1	1	8	....	11
4	North Star	1	1	....	6	....	9
5	Cascade	1	....	....	1	....	4
6	Spitzie	....	....	1	3	....	6
7	Edmonton	....	....	....	3	1	6
8	Innisfail	....	....	....	....	....	3
9	Perfection	1	1	1	3	....	6
10	Eureka	1	....	....	....	....	3
11	Acacia	1	....	....	1	....	4
12	Red Deer	1	....	....	1	....	4
14	Jasper	1	....	....	2	....	5
15	Wetaskiwin	....	....	....	2	....	5
16	Mountain View	1	1	....	2	....	5
17	Nanton	1	....	1	1	....	4
18	Britannia	....	....	....	....	1	3
19	Corner Stone	1	....	....	....	....	3
20	Carstairs	1	....	....	1	....	4
							102

On motion of W. Brother A. E. Jamieson (7), seconded by R.W. Brother H. C. Taylor (7), the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Grand Master's Address

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,—Your Committee have carefully considered the address delivered by the M.W. Grand Master, and though the report upon it must necessaily be brief, they venture to record their opinion that it is a document of singular minuteness and importance. The various subjects which have been so admirably systematized and dealt with have been referred to the several committees appointed to deal with each matter, and reference to these points will rather be sought for in their reports than in ours.

We note the reference made by the Grand Master regarding the distribution of the Masonic Districts, and we recommend this Grand Lodge adopt that suggestion, though not necessarily following the exact lines laid down by him.

The Committee considers that the suggestion to form a combined ritual, in view of present conditions, is not a practicable one.

With reference to the question of incorporation of Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges, your Committee recommend that a special Committee be at once appointe dto secure incorporation on lines similar to those of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

We also recommend the adoption in all subordinate Lodges of the system of notifying mother Lodges of the visits of their members.

Fraternally submitted,
G. MACDONALD,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of M.W. Brother G. Macdonald (1), seconded by R.W. Brother T. F. English (11), the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's address was received and adopted.

Report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's report beg to report as follows:

Our thanks are due to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and the North-West Territories for the use of their charter plate.

In reference to charters being issued to Lodges under charter at the time of the organization of this Grand Lodge, it appears that no disposition has been made of the old charters, and we recommend that they be surrendered to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, with a request that if the Lodges wish it, they be returned by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to be filed among the archives of the Lodge making the request.

It is a great satisfaction to note the number of new Lodges formed.

We are glad to draw attention to the fact that we have received recognition from a number of sister Grand Lodges, and have no doubt that we shall receive recognition from many more by our next Annual Communication.

With regard to the Grand Secretary's mention of being unable to obtain his returns from subordinate Lodges, we are of opinion that although the officers of subordinate Lodges should make a special effort to forward their rtturns in due season, the delay is no doubt owing to the fact that the Grand Lodge meeting is held so soon after the close of the Masonic year, and therefore does not give the officers of subordinate Lodges time to complete their returns.

The question of receipts and expenditures will no doubt be fully treated in the report of the Finance Committee.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that our increase has amounted to one-third during the past term.

We are further of opinion that the Grand Secretary should be paid his travelling expenses and maintenance while attending meetings of Grand Lodge, and would recommend that the same be paid. We are also of the opinion that the present salary of the Grand Secretary is insufficient remuneration for the work involved, but considering the financial state of this Grand Lodge, we do not feel that we can recommend any increase.

Though our assets are small as yet, we hope to see a substantial increase by our next regular Communication.

We note with satisfaction the offer of Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, as in the present state of organization it is especially desirable that a room to which Masons only have access should be used for the purpose of the Grand Secretary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. BRAITHWAITE,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion of M.W. Brother E. A. Braithwaite (7), seconded by W. Brother J. C. F. Bown (14), the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's report was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Dead

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren,—The Committee whose duty it is to report on this sad subject have at this session a longer report to make than they had last year, as they have had placed in their hands the funeral notices of many distinguished brethren from the various Grand Lodges with whom we are now in fraternal correspondence.

Before, however, turning to those, in our own case we here mourn today the loss of one to whom, when this Grand Lodge was inaugurated a short eighteen months ago, we all looked for guidance and help in the highest degreeM.W. Brother Thomas Tweed, Past Grand Master. Those of us who were privileged to sit in our mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba with him, know and remember well how he was regarded there. "Tom Tweed" (it seems almost like irrever-

ence to use such a familiar expression now) was one who all knew, one whom all respected, one who by his noble figure was ever a striking mark in that distinguished assembly of distinguished Masons. Alas! brethren, we with them mourn his departure to that country from whose bourne no traveller returns, but we mourn with the sure and certain faith that the Lord of Life assisted him to trample the dread king of terrors beneath his feet. Other members of our own jurisdiction we also must remember. Their number reported to us is six, from six different Lodges. Their names will appear in the usual list published with the proceedings of this Communication. Year by year we cannot but feel that it will be the sad duty of the Committee to report an increasing number of those who have gone before us, and year by year, as the report is read, we must not forget to extend our sympathy to their relatives, their friends, and their brethren whom they leave behind. May the Grand Architect, Who alone can make all things, even these, work together for good, afford them the solace and consolation which He alone can give.

Of distinguished brethren of sister jurisdictions, your Committee has received death notices as follows:

Irvin Millar, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Mississippi, died March 20th, 1906.

Henry H. Matthews, M.W. Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Alabama, died June 8th, 1906.

Frank Hurd Robinson, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New York, died October 11th, 1906.

George Davis, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of West Virginia, died November 10th, 1906.

Phineas Messinger Savery, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Mississippi, died December 20th, 1906.

CharlesGriswold, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Minnesota, died December 25th, 1906.

A notice similar to the one sent out by our own Grand Master, was received from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba respecting our late Brother Thomas Tweed.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. H. HOGBIN,

Chairman of Committee.,

On motion of R.W. Brother G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R.W. Brother C. H. Stuart Wade (14), the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead was received and adopted.

Report of Special Committee on Formation of Grand Lodge Library

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Your Committee beg to report that we consider the question of founding a Grand Lodge Library, on other but a very modest scale, would be inadvisable, as Grand Lodge has no permanent home to locate a library in.

Your Committee would recommend that the Grand Secretary act as Grand Librarian; we also recommend the purchase of a few standard works of reference, the preservation of the reports of sister Grand Lodges and of our own proceedings, and documents of historic interest; that this Grand Lodge makes a grant of $30.00 for the purchase of those books referred to, and that a committee be appointed to select the books and to further assist the Grand Librarian in the formation of a library.

Fraternally submitted,

J. KEMMIS,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Brother J. Kemmis (6), seconded by W. Brother G. Heaton (6), the report of the Special Committee on Formation of Grand Lodge Library be received and adopted.

Report of Special Committee on Ritual

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,—The Committee appointed by you to consider the Ritual in use in this jurisdiction by Lodges using the Canadian or English Rite, begs to report as follows:

First, your Committee finds that heretofore, neither in the present Constitution under which we are working, nor in the draft Constitution which is now in the hands of the members of Grand Lodge, has there been any authorization of any particular ritual for use in the subordinate Lodges. Your Committee therefore recommends that the following clause be included in the Constitution:

"This Grand Lodge recognizes and authorizes for use in subordinate Lodges either of the methods of conducting the work usually spoken of as the 'Canadian' work, or the 'Ancient York' work, according to the rituals hereafter issued by it.

"Each subordinate Lodge has the right to choose, at its institution, the ritual under which it will work, and cannot afterwards change it, except by a two-third majority vote and subject to the sanction of the Grand Master."

By inserting such a clause in the Constitution, your Committee feels that not only is a definite work secured in each case, but the rights of both sides interested in this question will be preserved. The wisdom of such a course is best seen by a reference to the more recent history of our mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba, where, although no such direct action may have been taken, in practice it has been in operation with harmony and success.

Secondly, your Committee recommends that the ritual for the Canadian Rite issued by this Grand Lodge under the above clause as proposed, shall be the same as that used by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and at present in use here. That "Work," as it is called, corresponds almost exactly with that used in the "Emulation" Lodge of England, which is recognized as an authority among Masonic writers of eminence and others.

Your Committee finds on acquaintance and enquiry that the work under this method in this jurisdiction is of a practically uniform character, the only variations being in minor matters of detail. The directions as given are sufficient for ordinary guidance, and your Committee therefore does not think any changes are required. It would suggest, however, that a chart of a well-arranged Lodge room for this work should be issued under authority of Grand Lodge, showing the positions in the Lodge of the principal officers, the assistant officers, the Greater and the lesser Lights, and the ornaments, furniture and jewels.

Thirdly, with reference to the supply of rituals containing such matters as are proper to be printed, your Committee is decidedly averse to any course of action which would tend to multiply the sources from which these originally emanate. Our mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba, your Committee is informed, obtains its supply from the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, and does not print them for her own use. Your Committee therefore recommends that the same course be pursued in securing the official supply in our own case, i.e., from the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

These should then be issued by our Grand Secretary only to Past Masters, and three copies for the use of each Lodge, under agreement, for which your Committee beg to offer the following form copied from that in use in the Grand Lodge of Manitoba:

"I, the undersigned, hereby agree to receive a document denominated the 'work,' and the same to most carefully preserve in the manner hereinafter mentioned.

"That I will not lend it, or admit that I have it, to any individual whatsoever, except after due enquiry or sure information I shall find him to be duly and properly qualified to receive it.

"That the said document shall be used solely for the purpose of my own information or the instruction of others, and shall be handed to my successor when invested and installed in my stead. All this I solemnly promise on my honor as a man, and all or either of my M———c Obs."

Signature .....

Dated at..... Rank .....

this.....day of.....190... Lodge .....

Witness .....

This, Most Worshipful Sir, covers the scope of this Committee's enquiry. Doubtless the Committee on Ancient York Rite will have suggestions to offer, in som ecases similar to those herein contained.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

GEO. H. HOGBIN,

Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Brother G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R.W. Brother J. Kemmis (6), the report of the Special Committee on Ritual was received and adopted.

Report of Special Committee on Ancient York Ritual

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

As Chairman of your Special Committee on Ancient York Ritual, I beg to report that all members of the Committee did their work, but the distance between the members was so great, that it was an impossibility to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion.

I beg to recommend the appointment of a Committee of two or three in more than one place. All to meet and report at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

A great difference appears to be in the floor work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. BRAITHWAITE,

Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Brother E. A. Braithwaite (7), seconded by V.W. Brother A. W. R. Markley (1), the report of the Special Committee on the Ancient York Ritual was laid over until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

The M.W. Grand Master named the following brethren to assist the above Committee on Ancient York Ritual, viz.: R.W. Brother H. C. Taylor (7), R.W. Brother S. J. Blair (9), R.W. Brother T. F. English (11), W. Brother W. M. Connacher (9), and R.W. Brother R Crawford (2).

Report of the Auditors

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren,—Owing to the unavoidable absence of W. Bother G. H. Graydon, I beg to report that I have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary, and certify to their correctness with the exception of two small items, 25 cents and 15 cents. These amounts are for exchange on two checks received from Lodges outside of Edmonton, and on which the bank charged 40 cents exchange. All moneys received by the Grand Secretary have been deposited in the Bank of Nova Scotio, and vouchers have been produced for all payments made by the Grand Treasurer, as authorized by the Committee on Finance.

The statements of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, as presented, are a correct exhibit of the financial position of Grand Lodge (with the exception of the above-mentioned 40 cents), as at December 31st, 1906.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. T. BRAGG,

Auditor.

On motion of M.W. Brother G. Macdonald (1), seconded by M.W. Brother Braithwaite (7), the report of the Auditors was received and adpoted.

Motions of Which Notice Was Given at Last Communication

Moved by R.W. Brother N. J. Lindsay (1), seconded by W. Brother J. C. F. Bown (14), that Master Masons within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta be permitted to belong to more than one subordinate Lodge at the same time.

Motion was lost.

Moved by R.W. Brother N. J. Lindsay (1), seconded by R.W. Brother C. H. Stuart Wade (14), that the business of subordinate Lodges be transacted in the first degree instead of the third degree, as at present conducted under the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Motion was lost.

Called from Labor

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:50 o'clock p.m., until 10 o'clock a.m. Thursday.

SECOND DAY

Labor Resumed

The Grand Lodge resumed labor on Thursday, February 21st, at 10:25 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Brother O. W. Kealy, Grand Master, Grand Officers and members.

Report of the Special Committee to Formulate a Set of Books for Grand Lodge

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Your Committee appointed to formulate a set of books suitable for the use of the subordinate Lodges, with a view to having them uniform, would recommend the use of the loose leaf ledger with bound minute books, cash books, and outside registers, all to be of uniform size, but may be varied as to thickness to suit the various Lodges. The advantages of the loose leaf ledger is that there are no closed accounts appearing; as soon as an account is closed, the sheet is removed and filed away.

These ledgers also have the advantage of never being filled up, as they can be extended from time to time.

It will, however, take considerable money to put in and keep in stock a full supply of these books, and unless it is made compulsory with the Lodges to adopte the system, it may be some time before a return to Grand Lodge would be made.

Your Committee would recommend a complete Grand Lodge Register, such as is kept by the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, also on the loose leaf system. This book alone will cost at the least $35.00 or $40.00. The other books and ledgers will cost, for ledger $4.50 and 1 cent per sheet.

Bound books, of course in accordance with the number of pages, contained in each book, if the supplies are purchased in quantities, will very materially reduce the cost.

Your Committee would suggest that a complete stock of stationery be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and that subordinate Lodges be required to purchase supplies from the Grand Secretary; the same to be supplied at a trifle over cost, just sufficient to cover expense of handling.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. BRAITHWAITE,
Chairman.

On motion of M.W. Brother A. E. Braithwaite (7), seconded by R.W. Brother C. H. Stuart Wade (14), the report of the Committee on Books was received and adopted.

Report of Special Committee on Establishment of a Masonic Home

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Your Special Committee, appointed consider the ways and means of establishing a Masonic Home and School within the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alberta, beg leave to report as follows:

1. From the various reports on the subject of a Masonic Home and School brought to your Committee from the outlying districts by the Right Worshipful the District Deputies, where in their respective official visits the subject has been systematically brought to the attention of each subordinate Lodge and carefully considered by them, and from a thorough discussion of the subject with other representatives of the Masons from this and other jurisdictions generally, your Committee believes that the project is one which appeals to the fraternal sympathies and would meet with the financial support of every subordinate Lodge within the jurisdiction, as eminently Masonic and worthy of the Craft.

2. Your Committee further believes that as against an organized or systematic per capita tax on the membership of each subordinate Lodge, the fund would receive equal, if not greater financial support, should the matter be left as a free-will offering to the membership of each subordinate Lodge.

3. Your Committee further believes that instead of converting the contributions into an endowment fund, as we believe is generally the case with similar benevolent schemes in other jurisdictions, we would recommend the money to be expended: Firstly, in the purchase of at least a section of good land in a desirable district; secondly, in erecting suitable buildings thereon for the care and education of such as are the objects of this undertaking; and, thirdly, in the general improvement and development of the lands so as to become, as nearly as may be, self-sustaining from a business point of view.

4. And, lastly, it is your Committee's desire to convey to this Grand Lodge the spirit of the congratulatory expressions generally received in support of this laudable object whenever and wherever it has been the subject of discussion.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. MACDONALD,
Chairman.

On motion of R.W. Brother J. T. Macdonald (9), seconded by W. Brother W. F. W. Lent (1), the report of the Special Committee on Masonic Home was received and adopted.

Motions

It was resolved, on motion of R.W. Brother E. N. Brown (1), seconded by R.W. Brother J. Kemmis (6): That each representative of sister Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge be requested to furnish a report of the Grand Lodge which he represents. The report to be inserted in that on Foreign Correspondence.

It was resolved, on motion of M.W. Brother G. Macdonald (1), seconded by R.W. Brother C. C. Hoyle (1): That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is necessary that the expenditure for printing be reduced as far as is consistent with a comprehensive understanding of the proceedings, and that a Committee of three be appointed to so limit the literary work.

It was resolved, on motion of R.W. Brother G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by M.W. Brother G. Macdonald (1): That the Most Worshipful the Grand Master be reimbursed the actual railway and travelling expenses incurred in his visits during his term of office.

It was resolved, on motion of R.W. Brother J. Kemmis (6), seconded by R.W. Brother R. Patterson (3): That the Board of General Purposes be instructed to procure a Past Grand Master's Collar for presentation to M.W. Brother O. W. Kealy at the next Annual Communication.

It was resolved, on motion of R.W. Brother J. T. Macdonald (9), seconded by R.W. Brother C. H. Stuart Wade (14): That the expenses of the Grand Tyler while attending this Communication of Grand Lodge be paid, and that he receive $3.00 per day for his services while attending this Communication.

Place of Meeting

The following places were nominated as place of meeting for next Annual Communication: Lethbridge, Edmonton, Red Deer, and Calgary.

A ballot being taken, the M.W. Grand Master declared that the next Regular Communication would be held in the City of Edmonton.

Election of Grand Officers

The hour having arrived for election of Grand Officers, the Grand Master named as scrutineers: M.W. Brother G. Macdonald (1), M.W. Brother E. A. Braithwaite (7), and R.W. Brother C. C. Hoyle (1), when the election proceeded, with the following results:

R.W. Bro. Hedley C. Taylor (7), Grand Master.
R.W. " Rev. G. H. Hogbin (1), Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. " Thomas McNabb (4), Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. " J. T. Macdonald (9), Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. " E. Nelson Brown (1), Grand Treasurer.
M.W. " George Macdonald (1), Grand Secretary.
R.W. " C. H. Stuart Wade (14), Grand Registrar
R.W. " Rev. Charles C. Hoyle (1), Grand Chaplain.

And by open vote of Grand Lodge,

Brother R. H. Finch (9), Grand Tyler.

Board of General Purposes

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term of two years:

R.W. Bro. Robert Patterson (3), Macleod.
R.W. " Robert Scott (20), Carstairs.
W. " John C. F. Bown (14), Edmonton.
W. " James H. Tomlinson (9), Calgary.

District Deputy Grand Masters

The following brethren were elected by the representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters, and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master:

R.W. Bro. Rev. J. Hinchliffe (12), First Masonic District.
V.W. " Claude W. E. Gardiner (3), Second Masonic District.
W. " Archibald E. Jamieson (7), Third Masonic District.

Called from Labor

Grand Lodge was caled from labor to refreshment at 12·15 o'clock p.m.

Resumed Labor

Grand Lodge resumed labor at 1:20 o'clock p.m.

Appointed Officers

R.W. Brother Hedley C. Taylor, Grand Master-elect, subsequently notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments:

V.W. Bro. Samuel J. Blair (9), Calgary, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. " Chas. G. Austin (15), Wetaskiwin, Junior Grand Deacon.
W. " Geo. M. Fear (5), Banff, Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. " James I. Brewster (8), Innisfail, Grand Steward.
W. " George Heaton (6), Pincher Creek, Grand Steward.
W. " Hugth Scott (4), Lethbridge, Grand Steward.
W. " Percy Taylor (19), High River, Grand Steward.

Installation of Grand Officers

The newly elected and appointed officers were then duly installed by M.W. Brother O. W. Kealy, assisted by M.W. Brother E. A. Braithwaite.

It was Resolved, on motion of W. Brother W. F. Lent (1), seconded by R.W. Brother J. T. Macdonald (9): That a Special Committee be appointed to further the scheme of the Masonic Home and School by systematically bringing the matter before each Lodge in the District.

It was Resolved, on motion of R.W. Brother G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R.W. Brother C. H. Stuart Wade (14): That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Mayor and Corporation of Macleod for their kindly welcome.

It was Resolved, on motion of M.W. Brother E. A. Braithwaite (7), seconded by M.W. Brother O. W. Kealy (2): That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the courtesy extended to the members of this Grand Lodge in granting a reduction in fares.

It was Resolved, on motion of M.W. Brother O. W. Kealy (2), seconded by M.W. Brother E. A. Braithwaite (7): That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to Alberta Lodge, No. 3, for the use of their Lodge room for this meeting.

Grand Lodge Closed

The business of the Grand Lodge being ended, the Second Annual Communication was closed in AMPLE FORM at 3:25 o'clock p.m., and with prayer by R.W. Brother Rev. C. C. Hoyle, Grand Chaplain.

Attest:

G. MACDONALD,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge Officers, 1907

M.W. Bro. Hedley C. Taylor (7), Edmonton, Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Hogbin (1), Calgary, Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. Bro. Thos. MNcabb (4), Lethbridge, Senior Grand Warden.

R.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), Calgary, Junior Grand Warden.

R.W. Bro. J. Hinchliffe (12), Innisfail, D.D.G.M., No. 1 District.

R.W. Bro. C. W. E Gardiner (3), Macleod, DD.G.M., No. 2 District.

R.W. Bro. A. E. Jamieson (7), Edmonton, DDG.M, No 3 District.

R.W. Bro. E. Nelson Brown (1), Calgary, Grand Treasurer.

M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), Calgary, Grand Secretary.

R.W. Bro. C. H. Stuart Wade (14), Edmonton, Grand Registrar

R.W. Bro. Rev. C. C. Hoyle (1), Leduc, Grand Chaplain.

V.W. Bro. Samuel J. Blair (9), Calgary, Senior Grand Deacon.

V.W. Bro. Charles G. Austin (15), Wetaskiwin, Junior Grand Deacon.

V.W. Bro. G. M. Fear (5), Banff, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

V.W. Bro. J. I. Brewster (8), Innisfail, Grand Steward.

V.W. Bro. Geo. Heaton (9), Pincher Creek, Grand Steward.

V.W. Bro. Hugh Scott (4), Lethbridge, Grand Steward.

V.W. Bro. Percy Taylor (19), High River, Grand Steward.

Bro. R. H. Finch (9), Calgary, Grand Tyler.

Board of General Purposes

President

R.W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Hogbin (1).....Calgary

Vice-President

R.W. Bro. C. H. Stuart Wade (14).....Edmonton

Secretary

M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1).....Calgary

By Virtue of Office

M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7), Grand Master.....Edmonton
M.W. " W. G. Scott, Hon. Past Grand Master.....Winnipeg
M.W. " Dr. E. A. Braithwaite (7), Hon. Past Grand Master.....Edmonton
M.W. " Dr. G. Macdonald (1), Past Grand Master.....Calgary
M.W. " O. W. Kealy (2), Past Grand Master.....Medicine Hat
R.W. " Rev. G. H. Hogbin (1), Deputy Grand Master....Calgary
R.W. " Thos. McNabb (4), Senior Grand Warden.....Lethbridge
R.W. " J. T. Macdonald (9), Junior Grand Warden.....Calgary
R.W. " Rev. J. Hinchliffe (12), D.D.G.M., No. 1.....Innisfail
R.W. " C. W. E. Gardiner (3), D.D.G.M., No. 2.....Macleod
R.W. " A. E. Jamieson (7), D.D.G.M., No. 3.....Edmonton

Elected by Grand Lodge

R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay (1).....Calgary
R.W. " C. H. Stuart Wade (14).....Edmonton
R.W " W. Crawford (2).....Medicine Hat
W. " P. Pidgeon (12).....Red Deer
R.W. " R. Patterson (3).....Macleod
R.W. " R. Scott (20).....Carstairs
W. " J. C. F. Bown (14).....Edmonton
W. " J. H. Tomlinson (9).....Calgary

Board of General Purposes

SUB-COMMITTEES

On Jurisprudence

M.W. Bro. O. W. Kealy (2), Chairman; M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite (7), R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay (1), W. Bro. J. C. F. Bown (14).

On Grievances and Appeals

M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), Chairman; R.W. Bro. C. H. Stuart Wade (14), R.W. Bro. R. S. Scott (20), R.W. Bro. R. Patterson (3), W. Bro. J. C. F. Bown (14).

On Benevolence

M.W. Bro. O. W. Kealy (2), Chairman; R.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), R.W. Bro. C. H. Stuart Wade (14), R.W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Hogbin (1), R.W. Bro. C. W. E. Gardiner (3), R.W. Bro. R. Patterson (3).

On Charters and New Lodges

R.W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Hogbin (1), Chairman; R.W. Bro. R. S. Scott (20), R.W. Bro. R. Patterson (3), R.W. Bro. T. McNabb (4). W. Bro. J. Tomlinson (9).

On Credentials and Reception

R.W. Bro. E. A. Jamieson (7), Chairman; R.W. Bro. Rev. J. Hinchliffe (12), R.W. Bro. C. W. E. Gardiner (3).

On Condition of Masonry

R.W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Hogbin (1), Chairman; M.W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald (1), R.W. Bro. E. A. Jamieson (7), R.W. Bro. T. McNabb (4), M.W. Bro. O. W. Kealy (2), R.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9).

On Foreign Relations and Correspondence

M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite (7), Chairman; R.W. Bro. T. McNabb (4), R.W. Bro. C. H. Stuart Wade (14), R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay (1), R.W. Bro. R. S. Scott (20).

On Finance

R.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay (1), Chairman; R.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald (9), R.W. Bro. C. H. Stuart Wade (14), R.W. Bro. Rev. J. Hinchliffe (12), W. Bro. J. Tomlinson (9).

Masonic Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta

D.D.G.M.	LODGES
First Masonic District. R.W. Bro. Rev. J. Hinchliffe (Innisfail)	Bow River, No. 1; Cascade, No. 5; Innisfail, No. 8; Perfection, No. 9; Red Deer, No. 12; Mountain View, No. 16; Corner Stone, No. 19; Carstairs, No. 20; King Hiram, No. 21; Corinthian, No. 22; Calgary, No. 23.
Second Masonic Dist. R.W. Bro. C. W. E. Gardiner (Macleod)	Medicine Hat, No. 2; Alberta, No. 3; North Star, No. 4; Spitzie, No. 6; Nanton No. 17; Sentinel U.D.
Third Masonic District R.W. Bro. A. E. Jamieson (Edmonton)	Edmonton, No. 7; Eureka, No. 10; Acacia No. 11; Victoria, No. 13; Jasper No. 14; Wetaskiwin, No. 15; Britannia, No. 18; Vermillion, No. 24; Wheat Sheaf, No. 25; Apollo U.D.

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Reverently Inscribed to the Honored Dead of Other Jurisdictions

Alabama—Henry H. Matthews, M.W. Grand Master, died June 8, 1906.

Minnesota—Charles Griswold, Past Grand Master, died December 25, 1906.

Mississippi—Irvin Miller, Past Grand Master, died March 20, 1906.

Phineas Messinger Savery, Past Grand Master, died December 20, 1906.

New York—Frank Herd Robinson, Past Grand Master, died October 11, 1906.

West Virginia—George Davis, Past Grand Master, died November 10, 1906.

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To those of our own Jurisdiction.

Bow River, No. 1—James Bruce Smith, died November 24, 1906.

Edmonton, No. 7—Henry A. Carruthers, died December 6, 1906.

Innisfail, No. 8—F. H. Pitts, died October 6, 1906.

Jasper, No. 14—Richard J. Hodge, died October 12, 1906.

Corner Stone, No. 19—Jacob Stamen, died September 27, 1906.

THOMAS TWEED, Past Grand Master,
died April 4, 1906.

Tabular Statement of Subordinate Lodges, December 27th, 1906.

Number of Lodge	Name	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Restored	Dead	Dimitted	Suspended N. P. D.	Suspended Other Causes	Membership per Last Report	Membership 1906. 27th Dec.,
1	Bow River	21	23	21	7	2	1	5	....	....	167	191
2	Medicine Hat	10	12	11	5	....	1	....	....	....	85	99
3	Alberta	6	8	7	2	....	....	1	3	....	53	57
4	North Star	12	10	11	3	2	....	2	3	....	84	96
5	Cascade	14	15	15	5	....	....	1	1	....	43	60
6	Spitzie	4	5	5	1	....	....	....	1	....	49	53
7	Edmonton	23	21	15	12	....	1	....	....	....	121	155
8	Innisfail	6	3	3	3	....	1	4	....	....	42	46
9	Perfection	51	36	36	15	....	....	6	7	....	204	257
10	Eureka	11	8	8	2	....	....	1	....	....	51	63
11	Acacia	5	2	1	3	....	....	5	....	....	48	51
12	Red Deer	2	1	2	1	....	....	4	....	....	55	53
13	Victoria	6	5	5	3	....	....	1	....	....	38	46
14	Jasper	13	10	11	10	....	1	....	2	....	69	39
15	Wetaskiwin	2	2	1	2	....	....	1	....	....	31	34
16	Mountain View	6	3	2	1	....	....	2	....	1	26	30
17	Nanton	14	11	9	7	....	....	4	2	....	25	40
18	Britannia	7	7	7	2	....	....	....	....	....	15	24
19	Corner Stone	25	22	17	10	....	1	....	....	....	18	52
		238	204	187	94	4	6	37	20	1	1224	1496

Lodge Directory

GRAND REGISTER OF ALBERTA

Lodges marked with an asterisk (*) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John the Baptist. All others on that of St. John the Evangelist.

No.	Name of Lodge.	W. Master	Secretary	Address	Night of Regular Meeting
1	Bow River	J. N. Rankin	H. J. Adames	Calgary	Second Monday in each month
2	Medicine Hat	H. W. Ireland	N. Charlton	Medicine Hat.	Tuesday on or before full moon
3	Alberta	Jas. S. Lambert	G. F. Beere	Macleod	Wednesday on or before full moon
4	North Star	Hugh Scott	A. J. Needham	Lethbridge	Second Monday in each month
5	Cascade	A. N. Saddington	W. E. Ward	Banff	Thursday on or before full moon
6	Spitzie	George Heaton	G. D. Plunkett	Pincher Creek.	Friday on or before full moon
7	Edmonton	A. E. Jamieson	D. Dyer	Edmonton	Third Thursday in each month
8	Innisfail	Jas. I. Brewster	W. R. Wilson	Innisfail	Third Thursday in each month
9	Perfection	W. M. Connacher	A. L. Folkins	Calgary	Third Tuesday in each month
10	Eureka	W. F. Brett	L. B. Brown	Lacombe	First Wednesday in each month
11	Acacia	Jno. H. Tranter	A. C. Murphy	Strathcona	First Monday in each month
12	Red Deer	A. B. Purdy	J. Hinchliffe	Red Deer	Second Tuesday in each month
13	Victoria	B. C. d'Easum	S. A. Dickson	ft. Saskatch'n	First Tues. on or before full moon
14	Jasper*	J. C. F. Bown	R. H. Johnston	Edmonton	Second Monday in each month
15	Wetaskiwin	C. G. Austin	V. C. French	Wetaskiwin	Thursday o nor before full moon
16	Mountain View	W. H. Hammer	Jas. F. Grant	Olds	Saturday on or before full moon
17	Nanton	H. Winsor	A. Z. Jessop	Nanton	Fourth Tuesday in each month
18	Britannia	A. R. Rowley	W. E. Turner	Ponoka	First Thursday in each month
19	Corner Stone	Percy Taylor	C. Clark	High River	Thursday on or before full moon
20	Carstairs	R. S. Scott	F. R. Robinson	Carstairs	Thursday on or before full moon
21	King Hiram	R. Hallinger	J. O. Williams	Didsbury	First Thursday of each month
22	Corinthian	G. R. Hodson	J. M. Fleming	Okotoks	First Monday in each month
23	Calgary	T. F. English	W. R. Davis	Calgary	Fourth Tuesday of each month
24	Vermillion	J. A. Roseborough.	G. H. W. Ryan	Vermillion	Fourth Thursday of each month
25	St. John's	James Reid	.....	Vegreville	

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

Elected at its Foundation on the 12th of October, 1905, and annually thereafter.

When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters.	Senior Grand Warden.	Junior Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurers.	Grand Secretaries.	Grand Registrars.	Grand Chaplains.
1905	Dr. Geo. Macdonald	H. C. Taylor	T. F. English	O. W. Kealy	E. N. Brown	J. J. Dunlop	Rev. J. Hinchliffe.	Rev. J S Chivers
1906	O. W Kealy	Rev. G. H. Hogbin	R. G. Matthews.	Thos. McNabb	E. N. Brown	J. J. Dunlop	C. H. Stuart Wade	Rev. J, Hinchliffe
1907	H. C Taylor	Rev. G. H. Hogbin.	Thos. McNabb.	J. T. Macdonald	E. N. Brown	Dr. G. Macdonald	C. H. Stuart Wade	Rev. C. C. Hoyle.